REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this Amendment as the number of independent claims is less than three, and the total number of claims is less than originally filed.

Request for Telephone Interview

Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (847) 490-1400 to schedule a telephone interview, to discuss the merits of this Patent Application.

Amendment to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations of Claims 6 and 12. Claims 6 and 12 have been canceled and Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 5.

Claims 3, 9 and 10 have also been canceled.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 2 and to correct a typographical error.

New Claim 15 has been added. New Claim 15 finds support in at least original Claim 1, 5 and 6.

No new matter has been added to the claims by this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102 - Shimada

The rejection of Claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Shimada, Japanese Patent 08046381 A, is respectfully traversed. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include limitations from Claims 6 and 12. Amended Claim 1 is patentable for the reasons discussed below with respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103 - Shimada in view of Herzog

The rejection of Claims 5-8 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimada in view of Herzog, German Patent 252474 A1, is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations of Claims 6 and 12.

Shimada in view of Herzog does not teach or suggest all the limitations of amended Claim 1. In rejecting Claims 6 and 12, the Examiner alleges that "Herzog discloses an angle bracket that has at least one elongated hole (See Figure 1)

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extending perpendicularly from the component 1." Applicants respectfully disagree, Herzog does not teach or suggest an angled bracket with an elongated hole, Herzog provides a circular hole in the bracket. Amended Claim 1 recites an angled bracket with an elongated hole that is elongated in a direction perpendicular to the extension direction (A). This elongated hole allows the angle bracket to slide and be secured at various points to accommodate electronic components with various dimensions. Neither Herzog nor Shimada, alone or in combination, provide or suggest an angled bracket that has an elongated hole that allows for sliding to accommodate electronic components of various dimensions.

The Shimada Patent in view of the Herzog Patent does not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention.

These remarks are also appropriate for new Claim 15.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103 - Shimada

The rejection of Claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamada taken alone, is respectfully traversed. These dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons as discussed for independent Claim 1.

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Conclusion

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed or resolved in this response, the undersigned attorney again requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

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